GOOD STORIES OF THE PRESENT DAY.

Lifting a Mortgage.

Copyright, 1854, by Charles 3. Laura. After twenty years of hard labor and rigid onemy my Uncle Dan, who was a farmer in Story county, Is. found himself about to Is sold out on a mortgage. It's that way with some men, you know, They may work as stead of better. I was there on a visit one October day when the holder of the mortgage called to say:

october day when the holder of the mortgage celled to any retroy you. Dan Curita, but I've gives rout the best show I could. I have how hard you've worked, and I know how hard you've hard you hard you've hard you hard you've hard you hard

eatch on it, and if the fellows eame they could My uncle being a poor man, there wasn't much in the shape of plunder around his house, but as Aunt Martha was a good house-wife she had the cellar pratty well stocked with sellies and preserves. We reasoned that if the men got into the house it would be to satisfy their hunger, and they would not leave the cellar unvisited. Hanging up in the cornorfb was an old bear trap which Uncle Dan had secome possessed of years before, and we got that down and set it at the bottom of the stairs. It was a stiff old trap, red with rust, and we had to use a stout lever to spring the hinges down. And a wax make the following and the same and the same was a first hor we had what might be a married to first of the same was a first hor we had what might be a married for the same was a first hor we had what might be a married for the same was a first hor we had what might be a married for the same was a first hor we had what might be a married for the same was a first hor we had what might be a married for the same was a first hor we had we had well as a first hor we had what might be a married for the same was a first hor well as a first hor well as a first hor we had what might be a first hor well as a first hor Uncle Dan and the Sheriff and others referred to the trap as 'boy nonsense," and I don't think we had much faith in it ourselves. It ras just fairly dark as we left the house for the barn, and after we got to bed on the hay we talked for an hour or two before looking out of a crevice to see if the house was all We looked out on the kitchen part, and while saying to each other that the murderers were probably fifty miles away, a light suddealy appeared in the kitchen. The curtains were up, and the barn was not so far away but that we could make out the figures of two men passing to and fro. We must go two miles to get word to the Sheriff, and we got down from the mow and out of doors, intending to start right of . We were making across the barnyard hen Will services that we combined on a street of the combined and the street of the combined and the combined and the combined and the street of the combined and the c suggested that we ought first to gat a closer ook'at whoever was in the house. It might be some word for us. After a bit we began ap-

hour before he made up for it nowby defying the officers. They didn't want to shoot him, and he kept them at bay with the ax, crippied as he was, until the sheviff finally knocked him over with a club. It took a good half hour to open the trap, and the fellow's tongue kept gold all the time.

When we got the lantern and went down to see the situation of the other prisoner we found that he had sunk into the quickannd up to his armpits and then rested, protably because of his feet striking a log or stone. He wasn't unfaring any bouldy pain, though his teeth were chattering with cold, but he was as asfely caught as if he had a beartrap on each toot. Instead of being default he was inclined to joke. When he learned that his comrade had been caught in a trap he laughed heartily and added;

The old shooter who owns this farm must keep a regular assortment of h'ar-traps and goldkands and boys and Sheriffa around here.

and replied:
"Dan'l Curtis, don't you think of such a thing! After all that Providence has done for us, you want to walk around as meek and humble as a cat, and be mighty thankful that we've oven got a kitchen clock to tell the time o'day by."

thing! After all that Providence has done for us, you want to walk around as meek and humble as a cat, and be mighty thankful that we've even got a kitchen clock to tell the time o' day by."

The Track of as Avalanche.

We had gone out from Fort Owen to open the pass in the Big Hole Mountains to enable the woodchoppers to get a supply of fuel for the post. It had snowed for seventy hours without a break, and at several points in the pass there were drifts twenty feet high. There were twenty-five of us, under command of a lieutenant, and about noon we lind dug our way half through the pass. The mountain slopes on each side were rough and rocky, but the snow lay so deep that each slope looked as level as the floor, though the siant was much sharper than the ordinary house roof. It was a good thousand feet to the cedars growing on the ridge, and it madsone dizzy to look up and realize the distance.

"We are liable to meet with a disaster here." the offleer had said as we began work with our snow shovels in the morning. "There must be no shooting with your revolvers—no horse rlay—no shouting. If the snow gets started up there, nut a man of us will ever be found before next June."

Threscaeral monte or I'm a gont 'said Blerbower to himself; I wonder if can't have one fund to hat the can't have one fund to hat the can't have on the seat and watched the slarper who began to banter the crowd in the effort to get a bet. Nearly all the men in the effort to get a bet. Nearly all the men in the effort to get a bet. Nearly all the men in the car crowded around the card manipulator, but no one seemed anxious to pick the age.

What has become of your sporting blood, gentlemen? Behave and it was the early all the men in the effort to get a bet. Nearly all the men in the card out such the card anxious to pick the gentlemen. The wine! Pshaw! I'm surprised.

"He went on hectoring the card and throwing the wine! Pshaw! I'm surprised.

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the fugitives or it might be neighbors who had | pitched to the west or down the pass. We

THEY DIDN'T KROW DIERBOWER. Which Was Where the Combiers Tripped in Their Busco Game.

"It was while I was stationed at Fort Omaba." said Col. George Harry at the Lotes Club yesterday afternoon. "that I first heard this story about Biernower. Bierbower was the United States Marshal for the Nebraska district, and, judging from all I heard, he was a mighty good one, too. That was a long time ago, though, and it has been years since I saw or heard of him. Why, it was before Colorado was admitted to the Union, and that was in '76.

Well, as I was saying. Bierbower got after some fellows who were counterfeiting gold. He worked a long time before he got the right trail and he had some good men to help him, But he finally located his men somewhere up in Cojorado Territory and went after them. They got the counterfeiters all right, and with them a gripmack full of bogue gold. You can understand that the party started back for Omaha feeling pretty good.

Trains didn't run so fast in those days as they do now, or anywhere near it, and the boys, of course, enlivened the trip in anyway they could. It was after they left Sidney, I think, or maybe it might have been North grass part of the State that a pretty smoothlooking chan, who said he was a travelling man, and who evidently didn't know who Bierbower was, came up to the Marshal and proposed a little game of cards.
"Bierbower loved poker. I've heard many a

good story about his game. He never refused to play when he thought he had a fair chance, and that was pretty nearly always. So he joined the smooth-looking traveller, who got a souple of other fellows, and the game began. It happened that the counterfeiters were asleep and the Marshal's deputies were watching them, so that the men who were in the game with Bierbower had no opportunity to find out who he was.

Well, the game went on with varying succass for some time, until finally the travelling man said he had had enough. He had lost all he cared to lose at one sitting, he said, and he made it a rule never to go beyond his limit in any game. While they were settling up with the banker the travelling man picked up the deck and running them over in his hands selected three cards, the two red jacks and the ace of clubs. As the board was cleared of the poker chips he said:

"I don't want to play any more poker at this time, gentlemen, but I'll tell you what I will gentieman he can't do. I don't want to bet any money, but I'll bet you the cigars or I'll bet you a bottle of wins. New see here.

His raised his right hand and snowed the three cards held between the thumb and the first, middle, and third fingers respectively.

You see, gentlemen, he said, the ace of clubs is in the middle. You see I make a slow, easy, swinging motion—the ace is in the middle romember—and I follow that motion with a sharp, quick swing, and have thrown the three cards on the table. There they are gentlemen. You saw how easily and plainly it was done, and you remember that the ace was in the middle. Now does any gentleman want to bet me the cigars for the party or a bottle of wine that he can pick out the ace?

Three-card monte or I'm a goat said Bierbower to himself; I wonder if i can't have some fun here. gentleman he can't do. I don't want to bet

NOTES ON SCIENCE AND INDUSTRE.

A large quantity of what is rermed "cut sheet" India rubber is used by English manufacturers in that line, the material being the pure gum which has been massed upon a mixing mill, and afterward put into a reclangular box being fitted with a travelling arrangement something like that of a planer, so that the cake of rubber can be slowly fed out of one end against a small revolving knife, which ents it into the thinnest possible sheets. These sheets are used in making balloons, tobacco pouches, and articles of that kind, no little skill, however, being required to insure success in producing such goods from the unvalcanized material, Thus, to make a perfect sphere, it is a matter of common knowledge among balloon makers that no number of pieces less than seven can be used. The pattern cutters, it is said, use mine, eleven, thirteen, or lifteen pieces, siways going on the old number, it being alleged that a balloon made of eight, ten, or twelve pieces would not expand evenly. Goods made of this cut sheet are usually cured by the cold process or by the vapor cure, and in some cases no vulcanization is reserted to at all. Formerly India rubber thread was made of gum treated in much the same manner as the cut sheet, and a great deal of exill was attained in its manipulation. of common knowledge among balloon makers

Two very effective mechanisms in an improved form have lately been introduced in cotton manufactories, with a large gain in the facility and amount of work accomplished. One of these devices is a combination of feeder and opener, both built together, making one machine, solid, heavy, compact, with feed easily regulated by a lover on the side changeable in less than a minute, and with a hopper holding about 350 pounds. Another device of holding about 350 pounds. Another device of special ingenuity is an automatic cleaning trunk-connecting opener and breaker, having an arrangement which removes all dirt from the fronk as fast as it accumulates, being at once discharged into the dust room by means of an exhaust ian—thus effecting a great saving in time and labor over the old way, besides the assurance that the trunk is always in a position to do the largest amount of work in the best possible manner.

Some of the improvements in the construction and equipment of the new lighthouse of La Hève, near Hayre, have resulted most successfully, it appears, in securing the desiderata essential to the interests of navigation at that end of the Seine, the site being also some 400 feet above sea level. The plan shows two towers 270 feet apart and 00 in height, with the focal plane 473 feet above sea level, so is thirty nautical miles, supposing the eye of the observer to be sixteen feet above the level of the sea. Of the original or previous couple of fixed lights, the northern has now been converted into a lightning flash revolving light, while a subsidiary fifth-order petroleum light has been substituted for the southern fixed light. The four-panel apparatus has a focal length of three hundred millimetres and a hight of one-half metre, and embraces a vertical angle of one hundred and forty-tires degrees. The lower catadioptic rings are protected by glass plates from the dust and particles produced by the combustion of the carbons. There is no artificial vertical divergence or dipping of the light to the nearer sea, as this divergence not only involves loss of light to the horizon, but has proved quite unnecessary, and the hearer sea, viz., within two miles radius of the lighthouse, is illuminated just as well by the bifocal arrangement. of fixed lights, the northern has now been con-

SHAKES IN OUR MIDST. In the Human Votes and Arteries,

from the Westington Post, While it has long been known that a man who follows strong drink may arrive at milistone where the way is besteged with al sorts of servents and flary dragons, medicine and science are now able to demonstrate that snakes live and move in one's being. An Important discovery in this direction, only a few months old in Europe and just announced in this country, was told the other day by Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, at the Department of Agriculture. It is a small white snake that lives in the veins, securing entrance into the lives in the veins, securing entrance into the body through the medium of drinking water. It wriggles about and thoses up and down the avenues of the blood at its pleasure. These little reptites have strange domestic habits. The mae is about four-lifths of an inch in length and curves himself into the form of a little canal with the edges of his body and there he keeps Mrs. brake, He isn't larger than a cotton thread nor longer than the breath of one's finger, but together they are capable of working a great deal of damage to a healthy man's circulation. It is certainly not a comfortable thought is know that you may have a few pairs of these animals tucked away inside your necket. The medical men have another name for the disease which results from their devarations, but it would be popularly called "poor blood."

The story of this parasite's existence is curious. Its name has long been known, but its life bistory, which is the most interesting and the most important thing to know, was only recently discovered by Prof. Honsino, a learned man of Pisa, Italy. In some respects this snake is like a fluke worm. The ergs or larver from which it hatches are found in the water, whither they have come from some man's body. They swim about there until they find a certain kind of microscopic crab. This crab body. They swim about there until they find a certain kind of microscopic crab. This crab body. They swim about there until they find a certain kind of microscopic crab. This crab body. They swim about there until they find a certain kind of microscopic crab. This crab body. They swim about there and in the water and they soize upon and live with. They stary inside of him till some one drinks the water and her star and the crab, which is nothing but a narmies animal and the crab, which is nothing but a narmies animal natural natur body through the medium of drinking water. It wriggles about and chases up and down the

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#### What Causes Pimples? Clogging of the pores or mouths of the seba-

ceous glands with sebum or oily matter. The plug of sebum in the centre of the pimple is called a blackhead, grub, or comedone. Nature will not allow the clogging of the porce

to continue long, bence, Inflammation, pain, swelling and redness, later pus or matter forms, breaks or is opened, the plug comes out and the pore is once more

There are thousands of these pores in the face alone, any one of which is liable to become clogged by neglect or disease.

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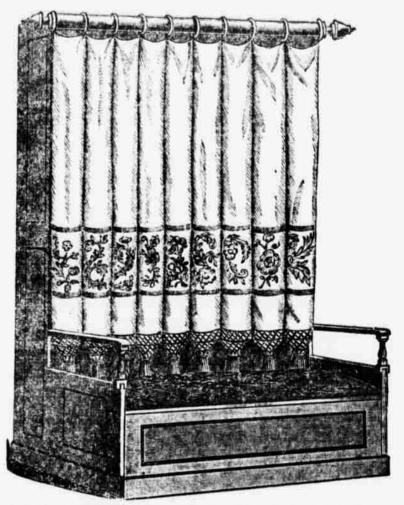
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The Bukata Straw Store,

W. H. Boothroyd says, regarding the report from eastern Washington that straw is being used by some of the farmers for fuel. "It occurs to me that the device used in Dakota would be a savior from sufferier and dispense with the necessity of purchasing feel where straw or hay are plentiful. The device can be made by any tinemith. It consists of a drum two feet in diameter approximately, four feet or more high, with one and covered, made of sheet from, such as is used in stovepine; a stand upon which to place the drum, simply and inexpensively made, the top of sheet from with rim to hold drum in place; legs of hospiron riveted; a cone-shaped top, joining and sliding into the stoveripe sufficiently to allow of removal of the drum for the purpose of emptying and relegishing. The draught is a hole at the lower part of the drum, with a slide cover or a riveted place so placed as to allow of being drawn over the draught; Pill with straw or hay or any material of like natures and start the firs at the ton. One filling will burn about six hours. The discovery of this in Dakota was a Godsend and averted much suffering. It will do the same in eastern Washington. It occurs to me that the device used in

A Natural Burn Dominic.

MEMPRIS. Jan. 15 -- A remarkable case of precocity and unnatural development in a child is reported near Warren. Tenn. Mr. and Mrs.

is reported near Warren. Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brandon are the parents of a 4-rear old boy, who, of course, has never attended a body, and the parents have never attended a body, and the parents have never attended a body, and the parents have never attended a body and the parents of learning to the young wor. Yesterday the mother was readour about from the family libble, while the oall's was boar playing about the room. Sudden s he child exclaimed.

"On mamma, I can read like you."

The mother had no attention but the shift continued taking, recenting the assett a covernitimes. Finally, to because the rear one the mother tack it in her tap and opened the book before her. Without the least health and to the utter surprise and amazement of the passage after passage without difficulty to passage after passage without difficulty to be that time the child becaus to read as a read passage after passage without difficulty to be that time the child because with apparent case.

But put the time the child was not considered a very bright youngster, and had not elevered his tooky fails. The amazed parents did because what to make of the suddenly developed talons what to make of the suddenly developed talons what to make of the suddenly developed talons, and called in a physician, who was a much purpled as they.